

# Russell Urges Revamping Of 'Damaged' CIA

WASHINGTON—The chairman of the Senate's Central Intelligence Agency watchdog panel said today that recent disclosures have so damaged CIA effectiveness that President Johnson should consider reorganizing it.

"In view of this spate of confessions or revelations—whatever you want to call them—by people who had supposedly been sworn to secrecy, it might be helpful even if you did no more than change the name," said Sen. Richard B. Russell, (D-Ga.). Russell who is chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, heads a combined armed services-appropriations subcommittee that rides herd on the CIA. He referred to the published statements of former CIA officials as well as to the widely publicized disclosures of CIA aid to student and labor groups.

Russell's comments were made as the CIA subcommittee scheduled one of its regular closed-door briefing sessions with CIA Director Richard M. Helms. "In my opinion," Russell told UPI, "the executive branch of the government might consider whether they would want to recommend some sort of reorganization." Russell said he had no particular format in mind for a revamped CIA and commented that some central agency is needed now, as it was in 1949, to coordinate U.S. intelligence activities.